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VELLODI CALLS ON NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY

ATHERTON

1. SUMMARY. INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY M.A. VELLODI ACCOMPANIED BY INDIAN EMBASSY OFFICERS VENKATESWARAN AND RAJAN CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON SEPTEMBER

28. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS AND NEA/INS OFFICER OBER SAT IN. VELLODI BRIEFLY DESCRIBED THE INDO-U.S. DISCUSSIONS EARLIER IN THE DAY ON THE TARAPUR NUCLEAR PROBLEM (SEPTTEL) AND COMMENTED ON THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED HEARINGS OF CONGRESSMAN FRASER AS WELL AS THE FARAKKA BARRAGE DISPUTE. VELLODI INDICATED HE SEES DEFINITE POSITIVE TRENDS IN INDO-U.S. RELATIONS BUT BELIEVES SUCH

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EVENTS AS THE FRASER HEARINGS CAN CREATE DIFFICULTIES. END

SUMMARY.

2. FRASER HEARINGS. VELLODI COMMENTED THERE ARE DEFINITE POSITIVE TRENDS IN INDO-U.S. RELATIONS WHICH INDIA WOULD LIKE TO ADVANCE, BUT THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS ON INDIA SUCH AS HELD BY CONGRESSMAN FRASER CAN CREATE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. MOREOVER, THE GOI IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRINCIPLE OF THE JETHMALANI ASYLUM CASE. AS-

SISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON REPLIED BY ASSURING VELLODI THAT INDIA IS NOT BEING SINGLED OUT BY CONGRESSMAN FRASER (HEARINGS HAVE BEEN HELD ON IRAN, ARGENTINA AND KOREA, AMONG OTHER COUNTRIES) AND THE INDIA HEARINGS IN FACT ATTRACTED MINIMAL ATTENTION. MR. ATHERTON AGREED THAT INDO-U.S. TRENDS ARE ENCOURAGING AND RELATIONS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN LESS VOLATILE.

3. FARAKKA. VELLODI INDICATED INDIA WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO CONSIDERATION OF FARAKKA AT THE UN. THE DISPUTE CAN ONLY BE SOLVED BILATERALLY AND ANY UN DISCUSSION WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ULTIMATELY MUST TAKE PLACE. VELLODI ADDED THAT THIRD COUNTRIES WHICH MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH BOTH INDIA AND BANGLADESH ARE ALSO PLACED IN AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION BY UN CONSIDERATION OF THE DISPUTE. VELLODI COMPLAINED THAT BANGLADESH HAS REFUSED EVEN TO STUDY INDIA'S PROPOSALS. MR. ATHERTON SPELLED OUT IN REPLY THE U.S. POSITION ON INSCRIPTION OF ITEMS ON THE UNGA AGENDA AND OUR GENERAL APPROACH WHICH FAVORS A RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE THROUGH BILATERAL TALKS IN WHICH BOTH SIDES SHOULD DISPLAY PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING.

4. INDIAN RESERVATIONS AT COLOMBO. VELLODI MENTIONED INDIA'S RESERVATIONS AT THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA. IN THE LATTER REGARD HE COMMENTED THAT THE NORTH KOREANS MUST HAVE CONCLUDED FROM THEIR COLOMBO EXPERIENCE THAT THEIR RESOLUTION WOULD NOT FARE WELL AT THE UNGA, PERHAPS NOT EVEN GAINING A SIMPLE MAJORITY, AND THEREFORE WITHDREW IT.

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5. INDO-PAK RELATIONS. VELLODI EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE PACE OF NORMALIZATION WITH PAKISTAN, SAYING A BASIS HAS BEEN LAID FOR FURTHER ADVANCES.

6. SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS. ON SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS VELLODI INDICATED THE GOI IS HOPEFUL OF IMPROVING AND NORMALIZING RELATIONS BUT DOES NOT EXPECT DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS. HAVING AN AMBASSADOR IN PEKING WOULD PROVIDE

THE GOI GREATER ACCESS TO THE PRC LEADERSHIP. KISSINGER

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